

Application No.: 09/530,746
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REMARKS

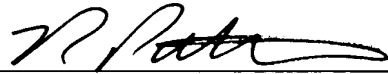
Claim 22 has been amended to incorporate SEQ ID NO:95. No new matter is introduced by virtue of this amendment. Accordingly, Applicants kindly request that the amendment be entered into the instant application. A marked up copy of the amended claim is attached hereto as Appendix A. A clean copy the claims as pending after entry of this amendment is attached hereto as Appendix B.

CONCLUSION

The commissioner is authorized to charge the \$1240.00 petition fee as required by 37 CFR § 1.17(m) to Pennie & Edmonds, LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order number 1803-227-999). The commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order number 1803-227-999) for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

MARKED UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIM:

22. A method for the detection of HCV, wherein two primers and one probe are used whose sequences are derived from sequences of consecutive bases the HGBV sequence shown below, complementary sequences thereto or sequences that are more than 80% identical to these sequences:

5'-GTACTGCCTGATAGGGTCCTTGCGAGGGGATCTGGGAGTC
TCGTAGACCG TAGCACATG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 95).

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